



Love God



Love One Another



Do Mission Together

Home Group study: week beginning 30th January 2022

THEME: THE BLESSINGS OF JESUS – BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT

PASSAGE: Matt 5:3

PASSAGE 1: Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven Matt 5:3

Have you ever met someone who was 'poor in spirit' but 'strong in God'? How would you describe them?

What does 'poor in spirit' mean exactly & why does Jesus consider it a virtue when the Roman & Jewish world saw it as a sign of weakness.

In his sermon Dave reversed the beatitude to say 'Cursed are those who are a bit too full of themselves for theirs is the kingdom of earth'. What are the advantages & disadvantages of this exercise?

Does this mean that a Christian can't be a confident businessman or woman? If they can, what sort of things might they need to watch out for?

PASSAGE 2 & 3: Moses & Gideon Exodus 4 10-13 & Judges 6 12-15

How do Moses & Gideon demonstrate their 'poverty of spirit'?

God seems to enjoy recruiting people who are poor in spirit. Why is that?

PASSAGE 4: The Pharisee & the Tax Collector

Smug complacency is the hallmark of the Pharisee. In what ways can we as modern evangelical Christians be smug & complacent?

The tax collector was not despised by God. Even those who are mature Christians are in the same position as him. Do you agree or disagree?

The tax collector was probably in a better position to be called by God for useful service than the Pharisee. Why was that?

APPLICATION

Poverty of spirit is necessary for salvation, sonship, selection & even sharing Christ. Why or why not?

Pray for areas of your life where you need more 'poverty of spirit'

Pray that this will lead to a greater ownership of and growth in the kingdom of heaven

